Maryland Artist/Teacher Institute

Arts Integrated **Lesson Plan**







SUBJECT AREA: Reading/English Language Arts

Lesson Title: Puppetry/Moby Dick	Grade:
	Special Education
Contributor, School:	Time Frame:
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State Curriculum Content Standards, Indicators, Objectives

Visual Art Content Standard(s)

- 1.0 Perceiving and Responding: Aesthetic Education Students will demonstrate the ability to perceive. interpret, and respond to ideas, experiences, and the environment through visual art.
- 3.0 Creative Expression and Production Students will demonstrate the ability to organize knowledge and ideas for expression in the production of art.

- 1.3 Apply the elements of art and principles of design to develop personally meaningful compositions.
- 3.1 Create images and forms from observation, memory, imagination, and feelings.

Visual Art Content Indicator(s)

Visual Art Content Objective(s)

- 1.3.b Select and use principles of design, such as pattern, contrast, repetition, balance, rhythm/movement, and emphasis, to give personal meaning to visual compositions.
- 3.1.a Experiment with art media, processes, and techniques to generate ideas and express personal meaning.

Reading/English Language Arts Content Standard(s)

3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text

Students will read, comprehend, interpret, analyze, and evaluate literary text.

Reading/English Language Arts Content Indicator(s)

3.3 Use the elements of narrative text to demonstrate understanding.

Reading/English Language Arts Content Objective(s)

3.3.d Identify and analyze the characters.

Objective(s) (Connecting the content areas)

Students will create a puppet based on a character in *Moby Dick* and identify physical characteristics.

Visual Arts Vocabulary

puppet, 3-D, exaggeration

Reading/English Language Arts Vocabulary:

Ishmael, Queequeg, teacher, harpooner, Captain Ahab, Starbuck, 1st Mate, Moby Dick, white whale, peg leg, tattoo, blow hole

Prior Knowledge Students Need for This Lesson

Visual Arts None

Reading/English Language Arts

- Moby Dick
- Listened to the story
- Know the characters of the story
- Know the sequence the story

Materials and Resources

Materials and Resources for the Class

- Blank white puppet form
- Safety or adaptive scissors
- Multicolored felt pieces
- Multicolored paper
- Multicolored yarns
- Markers
- Sequins
- · Various pieces of fabric
- Glitter
- Glue

Materials and Resources for the Teacher

- Familiarity with characters in Moby Dick
- Basic library and Internet research skills

Lesson Development/Procedures (including motivation, modeling, guided practice, and independent practice)

Prior to the Lesson

Students will have listened to a recording of the novel *Moby Dick*. They have been exposed to the book's characters. They have sequenced the events of the story. They have answered comprehension questions during reading.

Lesson

- The teacher will work with the students to identify the main characters of the story.
- Students will identify characters: Captain Ahab, Ishmael, Queequeg, Starbuck, and Moby Dick.
- Students will identify each character's actions and three (3) physical characteristics of each character.
- Students will select a character they would like to represent as a puppet.
- The teacher will provide a few examples of puppets, either through pictures or real puppets.
- The teacher will demonstrate/model how to make a puppet using collage materials for texture and exaggeration.
- The teacher and classroom assistant will work with two students to assemble a puppet. (Students will work independently, if able. Some will need hand-over-hand assistance.)
- Students will each receive a blank puppet form and will utilize various materials of their choice to create their own character puppets.
- Students will complete the puppets using selected materials and focusing on exaggeration.
- Students will use their puppets to retell the story.

Closure/Summary

Students will evaluate their own puppets by identifying the physical characteristics of the chosen characters.

Assessment (Description/Tools)

- Teacher observation
- Checklist for puppet based on identified criteria, such as: identified physical characteristics, exaggeration, use of materials

Lesson Extensions

- Each student will compare his/her project to those of classmates. Each student will remark positively about the work of classmates.
- Utilizing adaptive voice output equipment, students may create a single puppet production involving all of the puppets.